

I am a subscriber to XM radio, and I gladly pay the monthly fee for the privilege of hearing it. I have not listened to FM radio in over ten years because it is mindless, boring, repetitive and juvenile. I listen to AM radio only long enough to hear the traffic and weather, and then I shut it off. Especially aggravating about mainstream radio is the record companies? hold over it. I truly resent a handful of radio companies dictating to the listening public what it should be listening to and setting ridiculous trends in music. XM radio is a private organization, and it is entitled to compete with the big guns for listeners. I know many people in my age group (35-45) have abandoned listening to traditional radio programs for the same reasons as I did. Satellite radio is the best thing that has happened to radio, and I think that rather than lobbying for banning satellite radio or for stricter regulations, that the major radio companies would look to itself and scrutinize why their listeners are leaving in droves to pay for a product that outshines it by far. Last I heard, this is a free country where capitalism thrives. Stifling or inhibiting satellite radio from becoming all it can be is contrary to the American way.